041 Furby Revealed

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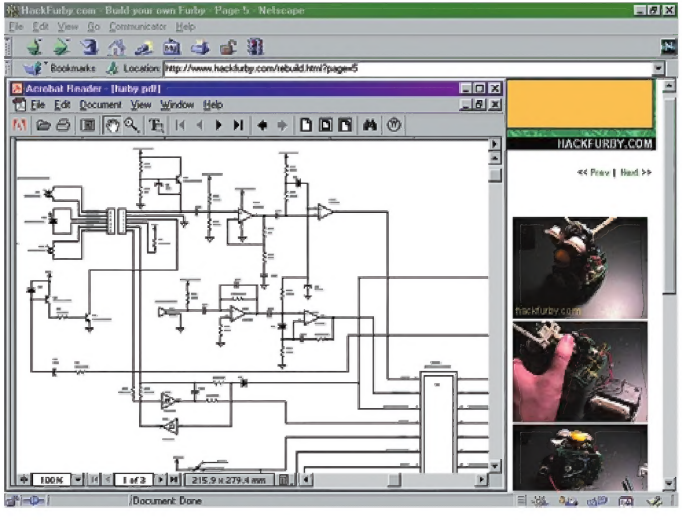
The unbridled popularity of the toy animal 'Furby' is largely due to the clever design of the electronics in this furball, which acts like it actually communicates with children. However, in time their parents may grow tired of listening to the constant babble from this little beast.

Anyone who would like to experiment with a Furby can find a lot of useful information regarding its construction and operation on the web site *www.hackfurby.com*. You can find all sorts of information here. Undocumented features are reported under 'Secrets'. An extensive discussion under 'Rebuild', complete with photos, provides step-by-step instructions for taking apart a Furby, following which you can use its skeleton and electronics for making your own doll. For electronics types, however, the most interesting item is naturally the schematic diagram of the electronics module. Someone has taken the trouble to completely puzzle this out, and you can download the result as a PDF document. In addition, you can find a lot of information and news about Furbys at this site. It can be recommended for both Furby-lovers and Furby-haters!

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